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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents JUNE 4, 2004
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Final Rejection of 8 DEC. 2003, and request reconsideration.

CLAIM REJECTION -- SECTION 103(a)

Claims 1-6 were finally rejected as obvious over FUJIHARA (previously cited) in view of ELLIS (previously cited) and NISHIKAWA (newly cited). This rejection replaces the previous rejection which was based on combining FUJIHARA only with ELLIS.

The Examiner has noted that FUJIHARA fails to disclose "a terminal forming area for connecting the gate or source line to at least one external signal source" (as recited in present claim 1, lines 10-12) such that the first and second metallic lines are "connected to the terminal electrode via respective contact holes" (as recited in claim 1, lines 14-15). With the apparent intention of overcoming this "feature deficiency," the Office has cited NISHIKAWA for the first time. Although the wording added to claim 1 was given no patentable weight, it was nevertheless said,